

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Anna Dean Carter of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Anna Dean Carter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated throughout her life to the people of Lafayette and Macon County, Mrs. Carter served in the Macon County government and as a member of countless civic boards and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, a Macon County native, Anna Dean Carter was born the daughter of the late Virgil Heston and Elcie Law King; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, Mrs. Carter served with acumen and alacrity as a bookkeeper at the Macon-Trousdale Farmers Co-op, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Macon County Commission for eighteen years at the time of her death, Mrs. Carter sat on many Commission committees over the course of her tenure, including the Loss Control Committee, the Salary Study Committee, which she chaired, the Insurance Committee, the Retirement Committee, the Industrial Park Feasibility Committee, the RAD Committee, the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, the School Board/Overcrowding Committee, and the Public Records Commission; and

WHEREAS, driven by her love of Macon County, its people, and its environs, Anna Dean Carter served on the Board of Directors of the Macon County High School Alumni Association, the Macon County Sports Hall of Fame, Macon Helps, and Tennessee Families

First, which she served as President in 1998. She was also a member of the Macon County Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter took a special interest in the community's elderly residents, sitting on the Board of Directors of the Macon County Senior Citizen Association and working tirelessly to make possible a new Macon County Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, she sought to support education and the lives of her community's children with service to the Macon County Education Foundation, the Macon Schools Health Advisory Board, the Jett Williams Scholarship Committee, and the Cordell Hull Economic Opportunity Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Anna Dean Carter demonstrated a concern for community health, which she sought to better as a member of the Tennessee Rural Health Organization, the Upper Cumberland Health Organization, and the Macon County Health Council, and as Treasurer of the Macon County 911 Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to help keep alive the history of Macon County, Mrs. Carter served as President of the Galen School Museum and President of the Historic Preservation Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter helped to improve the conditions of commerce and better the lives of workers as President of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Housing Committee of the Macon County Three-Star Certification Program, and a member of the Macon County Job Service; and

WHEREAS, Anna Dean Carter also gave her time to the Lions Club and the Cherry Delights Red Hat Society of Macon County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter was an active and devout member of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Carter always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her sons and their wives, Gerald "Rusty" Carter and Sondra and Billy W. "Skipper" Carter, Jr., and Jean and her daughter and son-in-law, Debra Murray and Rick; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her brother, Raybon King; her sisters, Irene Roark, Nina Biggers, and Shirley Dyer; and her grandchildren, Megan Carter, Alex Carter, Matthew Murray, Andrew Murray, Debbie Biddle, Sheila Freeman, and Paul Purdue; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Carter was preceded in death by her husband of over forty-four years, Billy Wilson Carter, and her brother Junior King; and

WHEREAS, Anna Dean Carter leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Anna Dean Carter, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Carter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.